GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4826
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2002
AUCTION OF FM RADIO
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of FM Radio Stations auctioned as on November 30, 2002;

(b) the number of cities for which the auction was held; and

(c) the total revenue earned on account of auction?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) 101 channels were auctioned between 1st March to 15th March,2000.

(b) Auction was held for 40 cities.

(c) Total revenue earned so far on account of open auction of FM radio stations is Rs.15512.10 lakhs. (which includes earnest moneys, but excludes Bank Guarantees lying with the Government).